

Messiah Lutheran Church  
Wednesday Advent Worship  
December 18th, 2024 7:00 PM



No eye has seen a God besides you,  
who acts for those who wait for him.

-Isaiah 64:4



# The Third Wednesday in Advent

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### **TONIGHT'S ADVENT WORSHIP**

*What would the prophet Isaiah say to us today? In Interviews With Isaiah, you will find out! In each service, Isaiah's message will address the congregation and explain the meaning and background behind his most well-known prophecies about the coming of Christ. These Advent services help us to learn more about our Savior as we anticipate during Advent the celebration of his birth at Christmas. Tonight we focus on "The Wait."*

*We will be renewed in The Wait, Isaiah explains, which we experience as we prepare for Christ. (Isaiah 64:1-9)*

### **! THE GREETING**

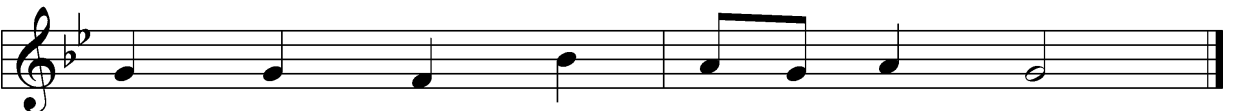
#### **THE OPENING HYMN "Savior of the Nations Come" LSB 332**



1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come, Vir - gin's Son, make  
2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, By the Spir - it  
3 Here a maid was found with child, Yet re - mained a  
4 Then stepped forth the Lord of all From His pure and



here Your home! Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth,  
of our God, Was the Word of God made flesh—  
vir - gin mild. In her womb this truth was shown:  
king - ly hall; God of God, yet ful - ly man,



That the Lord chose such a birth.  
Wom - an's off - spring, pure and fresh.  
God was there up - on His throne.  
His he - ro - ic course be - gan.

### **THE INVOCATION**

**P:** We celebrate this season of Advent, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

P: Come, O house of Jacob,

**C: Let us walk in the light of the Lord.**

P: I will confess my transgressions to You, Lord,

**C: And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P: Therefore, let everyone who is Godly offer prayer to You at a time when You may be found. Let us confess our sins, confident that our gracious God forgives us.

**C: Help us, O God and Light of our salvation, for the glory of Your name, deliver us, and forgive our sins.**

P: Because of His grace, God does not make us wait for His forgiveness. In His name and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit

**C: Amen. Thanks be to God!**

### ♩ **THE RESPONSE** "*Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*" LSB 341

1 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates! Behold, the  
4 Fling wide the portals of your heart; Make it a  
King of glory waits. The King of kings is drawing  
temple set apart From earthly use for heaven's em-  
near; The Savior of the world is here. Life and sal-  
vation He doth bring; There-fore re-joice and glad-ly sing.  
Sov-'reign enter in And new and nobler life begin.  
To God the Father raise Your joyful songs of praise.  
To God alone be praise For word and deed and grace!

P: Three candles are lit to remind us that we wait for the Lord.

**C: No eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him.**

(Isaiah 64:4)

## **THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON *Isaiah 64:1-4***

Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence—<sup>2</sup> as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, and that the nations might tremble at your presence!<sup>3</sup> When you did awesome things that we did not look for, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.<sup>4</sup> From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **Ī THE GOSPEL HYMN “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” LSB 357**

O come, Thou Wisdom from on high,  
Who ord’rest all things mightily;  
To us the path of knowledge show,  
And teach us in her ways to go.  
Rejoice, Rejoice, Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.



## **THE GOSPEL LESSON *Luke 2:25-35***

<sup>25</sup> Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. <sup>26</sup> And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. <sup>27</sup> And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, <sup>28</sup> he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, <sup>29</sup> "Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; <sup>30</sup> for my eyes have seen your salvation <sup>31</sup> that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, <sup>32</sup> a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel." <sup>33</sup> And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. <sup>34</sup> And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed <sup>35</sup> (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed."

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

## 📖 THE HYMN "Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come" LSB 350



1 Come, Thou pre - cious Ran - som, come, On - ly hope for  
2 En - ter now my wait - ing heart, Glo - rious King and  
3 My ho - san - nas and my palms Gra - cious - ly re -



sin - ful mor - tals! Come, O Sav - ior of the world!  
Lord most ho - ly. Dwell in me and ne'er de - part,  
ceive, I pray Thee; Ev - er - more, as best I can,



O - pen are to Thee all por - tals. Come, Thy beau - ty  
Though I am but poor and low - ly. Ah, what rich - es  
Sav - ior, I will hom - age pay Thee, And in faith I



let us see; Anx - ious - ly we wait for Thee.  
will be mine When Thou art my guest di - vine!  
will em - brace, Lord, Thy mer - it through Thy grace.

### THE SERMONETTE

#### 📖 THE HYMN OF RESPONSE "The Advent of Our King" LSB 331

While in this world we wait for Christ again to come  
God grant us grace to celebrate until our labor's done.

The Child, God's only Son, brings heaven's presence here  
To make us with the Father one, and His own children dear.

### 📖 THE OFFERING PRAYER AND OFFERING

## Ī THE PRAYERS

- P: Lord of Patience and Presence, we wait for You to rend the heavens and come down to rescue us from this world, and this body of sin. Keep us faithful as we wait for Your return. O people of God, come let us walk with the Lord as we wait.
- C: Be patient with the nations as You wait for them to turn to You. Kindle in the hearts of all leaders a spirit of gentleness and mercy, that the preaching of Your Word would have free course.**
- P: Please be forgiving and patient with Your Church when it goes astray and forgets Your name. Enable the Church in every place to wait and watch for the awesome things You have promised You will do.
- C: Rend the heavens and come down to those who are waiting for health and healing. Use medical workers as Your instruments to grant the physical grace that You provide through the miracle of Your presence.**
- P: We give You thanks for helping us to follow their example, so that when You return we will be ready and waiting, O people of God,
- C: Come, let us walk with the Lord as we wait. Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

- C: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## THE BENEDICTION

- P: As you leave, may the Lord direct you in all your ways. May He lead you, and keep you when you sleep, and protect you when you wake in the morning to serve Him; and may the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus our Lord.
- C: Amen.**

## THE SILENT PRAYER

*I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me.*

*Amen.*

## THE CLOSING HYMN "Rejoice, Rejoice Believers" LSB 442

Rejoice, rejoice, believers, and let your lights appear;  
The evening is advancing, and darker night is near.  
The Bridegroom is arising and soon is drawing nigh.  
Up, pray and watch and wrestle; at midnight comes the cry.

The saints, who here in patience their cross and suff'rings bore,  
Shall live and reign forever when sorrow is no more.  
Around the throne of glory the Lamb they shall behold;  
In triumph cast before Him their diadems of gold.

Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear;  
Arise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this benighted sphere.  
With hearts and hands uplifted, we plead, O Lord, to see  
The day of earth's redemption that sets Your people free!

Isaiah tells the waiting, the Lord forgives all sin  
The Lord will not remember our filthiness within  
The Lord, who is the Potter, will mold our lives like clay  
He formed us as His people, We follow in His way. Amen.



## THE POSTLUDE

### Serving in Worship Tonight

<b>PREACHER</b>	Rev. Dr. Victor J. Kollmann
<b>ORGANIST</b>	Dorothy Sherrod
<b>ELDERS</b>	Mark Fischer, Jason Looney
<b>A/V TEAM</b>	Danny Ladishew, Chuck Tolsma

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- ♦ Sunday Worship in the Sanctuary: 8:30 & 11:00 AM  
(Holy Communion every Sunday in Advent)
- ♦ Sunday School & Adult Bible Class: 9:45-10:40 AM
- ♦ Family Advent Wednesday Worship- 6:00 PM  
Traditional Advent Wednesday Worship-7:00 PM



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***With the help of the Holy Spirit, we will share God's light as we:***

*Gladly enter God's House weekly (Worship) —Psalm 122:1*

*Listen for God's voice. (Discipleship-Bible Study, Quiet Time, Prayer)— John 10:27*

*Open my heart and hands to serve God. (Ministry) —1 Samuel 12:24*

*Wholeheartedly love God and my neighbor. (Evangelism/Fellowship-Outreach) —Luke 10:27*

***GLOW and GO!***